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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: W. Choi
MAKOTO MISAKA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2873
Application No.: 09/576,297)	
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Filed: May 23, 2000)	
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For: ZOOM LENS, AND IMAGE PICKUP)	August 26, 2002
APPARATUS AND IMAGE	:	
PROJECTION APPARATUS USING)	
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 26, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 60 are pending, with Claims 1, 18, 29, 35, and 45 being independent.

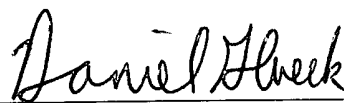
In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Official Action, Applicants provisionally elect Species I (Claims 1 through 17) with traverse, and respectfully submit that at least Claims 1 through 17 are readable thereupon. However, the

Election of Species Requirement respectfully is traversed. Neither Applicant nor the Patent and Trademark Office should be put through the trouble and expense entailed in multiple filing and prosecution. Further, the making of an Election of Species Requirement is not mandatory in all instances. It is submitted that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to examine all of the pending claims in the present application. Accordingly, in the interests of prosecution and economy of time, for Applicant, the Office, and the public-at-large, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel S. Glueck". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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